

REMARKS**Paragraphs 1-9 of the Office Action**

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,494,226 to Herstek et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,749,528 to Carey et al. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Herstek et al. in view of Carey et al., further in view of U.S. Patent Number 4,736,892 to Calder. Claims 3-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3. It is believed that claim 1 and all remaining claims ultimately depending from claim 1 are now in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

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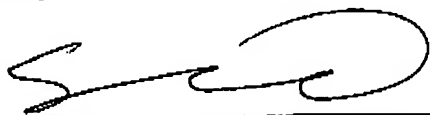
CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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